

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S OATH/DECLARATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Atty. Dkt. 36-1567

jc803 U.S. PTO

Date: March 14, 2001

Sir:



03/14/01

JC918 U.S. PTO  
09/805377  
03/14/01

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**OPTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND METHOD OF PROTECTING AN OPTICAL ROUTE**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
26 pages of specification and claims including  
13 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
6 sheets of accompanying drawings.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.  
00302423.9

Country  
Europe

Filing Date  
24 March 2000

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

Application No.

Filing Date

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed  
Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/  
☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by  
reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This is a continuation of PCT application No.  
, filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S.  
Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this  
application.--

Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

Inventor: Richard WYATT British  
(first) MI (last) (citizenship)  
Residence: (city) Woodbridge, Suffolk (state/country) Great Britain  
Mailing Address: 22 Lockwood Close, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Great Britain  
(Zip Code) IP12 1HZ

2. Inventor: Robert M. PERCIVAL British  
(first) MI (last) (citizenship)  
Residence: (city) Ipswich, Suffolk (state/country) Great Britain  
Mailing Address: 6 Hilary Close, Ipswich, Suffolk, Great Britain  
(Zip Code) IP4 5AE

☒ See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!

Address all future communications to NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington,  
Virginia 22201.

1100 North Glebe Road, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714  
Telephone: (703) 816-4000  
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100  
LSN:lmj

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By Atty: Larry S. Nixon, Reg. No. 25,640

Signature:

*Larry S. Nixon*

3. Inventor: Raman KASHYAP British  
(first) MI (last) (citizenship)  
Residence: (city) Ville Saint Laurent, Quebec (state/country) Canada  
Mailing Address: Corvis Canada, 520 McCaffrey, Ville Saint Laurent, Quebec, Canada  
(Zip Code) H4T 1N1

2019.07.27.15.30.00